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1. (C) DURING ATTENDANCE AT INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE IN
 BRASILIA, [REDACTED] DISCERNED THAT PRINCIPAL SUBJECT
 OF CONVERSATION AMONG BRAZILIA OFFICERS WAS THE DECISION
 OF THE GOB TO RELEASE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN EXCHANGE FOR
 AMBASSADOR ELBRICK. COMMENTS WERE HEATED AND TREND
 INDICATIVE OF OPPOSITION TO THE DECISION. PARATROOPER
 SON-IN-LAW OF GEN. ORLANDO GEISEL, ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF
 STAFF, SAID: "THE DECISION WAS GOOD FOR THE U.S. BUT NOT
 FOR BRAZIL. UNFORTUNATELY, THE BEST THING FOR BRAZIL
 NOW IS THAT THEY KILL THE AMBASSADOR TO PROVE TO ALL
 HOW FUTILECCN

YKA DECISION IS." SEVERAL OFFICERS REMARK-
 ED THAT AMERICANS DO NOT REALIZE THAT BRAZIL IS IN THE
 MIDST OF GUERRILLA WARFARE.

2. (C) AARMA SPENT MOST OF SUNDAY AFTERNOON WITH
 PRESIDENTIAL AIDE-DE-CAMP, MAJOR CONRADO, WHO WAS IN
 BRASILIA FOR A BRIEF VISIT WITH HIS FAMILY AFTER MANY
 SLEEPLESS NIGHTS AT COSTA E SILVA'S BEDSIDE. CONRADO
 STILL TRYING TO PORTRAY OPTIMISM WITH RESPECT TO
 PRESIDENT'S CHANCES OF RESUMING OFFICE, BUT LACK OF REAL
 CONVICTION APPARENT, AS WELL AS MOOD OF DEJECTION.
 CONRADO AND OTHERS ON PRESIDENTIAL STAFF CLING TO SLIM
 HOPE PRESIDENT MIGHT BE ABLE TO RETURN BETWEEN 20-30
 SEPTEMBER, BUT RECOGNIZE JUNTA ARRANGEMENT UNLIKELY
 TO SURVIVE THAT LONG.

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3. (C) IN MOMENTS WHEN EMOTIONALISM SUBSIDED AND REASON SURFACED, CONRADO FACED UP TO REQUIREMENT FOR A SUCCESSOR. HE CONTESTS THAT GEN. (MEDICI) 3RD ARMY COMMANDER, IS ONLY Viable 4-STAR CONTENDER. CONRADO ALSO MENTIONED GEN. CASTILHO, THE COMMANDER OF THE VILA MILITARY GARRISON IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BUT QUALIFIED THIS BY EJSERTING THAT 1ST ARMY TOO DIVIDED TO SUPPORT ANY ONE CADIDATE. CONRADO WROTE OFF ARMY MINISTER LYRA TAVARES, AS "BRILLIAN BUT TOO WEAK." HE THINKS THAT GEN. MURICY, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, IS JUST A "GOOD GUY". AS FOR GEN. AFFONSO DE ALGUQUERQUE LIMA, CONRADO REFERRED TO HIM AS HAVING LIMITED INTELLIGENCE AND NO TROOPS. HE DOWNGRADED GEN. SYSENO, 1ST ARMY COMMANDER, ON THE BASIS OF NOT BEING CLEVER ENOUGH TO MANEUVER HIMSELF INTO THE PRESIDENCY. IN SCANNING THE HORIZON OF POTENTIALS, CONRADO ALSO THREW IN THE NAMES OF GEN. PORTELLA, CIDE OF THE MILITARY HOUSEHOLD, AND MAJ. GEN. EDUARDO D'WLXLLA MELLO, RECENT MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASH-INGTON. DESPITE HIS AMBIVALENCE OVER NAMES, CONRADO WAS FIRM IN ASSERTING THAT THE NEXT PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE TO BE AN ACTIVE DUTY ARMY GENERAL OFFICER. ARMA COMMENT: (C) CONRADO'S COMMENTS PROBABLY REPRESENT AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THINGS HE ACTUALLY HEARD COSTA E SILVA SAY AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, OR OF WHAT HE THINKS THE PRESIDENT WOULD SAY IF HE WERE FULLY AWARE OF THE POLITCO-MILITARY CRISIS NOW UNDERWAY. THERE OS ALSO A HEAVY DOSE OF SELF-PRESERATION IN HIS COMMENTS, SINCE HE LEANS TOWARD INDIVIDUALS (MEDICI, PORTELLA, 23S, -4S9) WHO WOULD PERPETUATE THE COSTA E SILVA TEAM. THE HONORABLE BUT NAIVE CONRADO APPEARS TO OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT CLOSE IDENTIFICATON WITH THAT TEAM PROBABLY IS EQUIVALENT TO THE "KISS OF DEATH" IN THE CURRENT SWEEPSTAKE. GP-3.

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